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Examiner Hsieh,

Attached are search results.

Among NPL and patent results with publication dates or US priority dates earlier than the 6/13/2000 provisional application date, I found no drum shell with a convoluted outer surface and two opposing opened ends.

If you have questions or would like me to revise the search, please let me know.

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